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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08049.0010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Oscar L. AVANT et al.) Group Art Unit: 2876
Application No.: 09/651,323) Examiner: Ahshik KIM
Filed: August 31, 2000) Confirmation No.: 3894
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR)
IDENTIFYING A MAILPIECE USING AN)
IDENTIFICATION CODE)

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

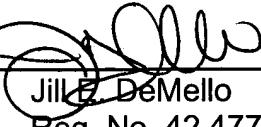
Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 21, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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